

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ex rel
GREGORY LYNN and PAULETTE
HAMILTON,**

CASE NO. 17-14168-RHC

THE HON. ROBERT H. CLELAND

Plaintiffs,

VS.

CITY OF DETROIT,

Defendant.

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**PLAINTIFFS' RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT CITY OF DETROIT'S
MOTION TO DISMISS PURSUANT TO FED. R. CIV. P. 12(B)(1)**

PLAINTIFFS UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ex rel GREGORY LYNN AND PAULETTE HAMILTON, respond to Defendant City of Detroit's above-entitled motion as follows:

1. This Court should deny the motion, because Plaintiffs have retained counsel to pursue this action.

2. The motion's sole basis is that Plaintiffs had not retained counsel to pursue their qui tam action as relators on the United States' behalf against Defendant City of Detroit [**DEFENDANT CITY**]. (ECF #34, 2/25/21 Defendant City of Detroit's Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(1) [**Defendant City's Motion**], Brief in Support, Statement of the Issues Presented, Case Summary, Service of the Complaint and Communications Between the Parties, Argument, Section II)

3. **On March 25, 2021, Plaintiffs' new counsel, Ledermanlaw, PC, appeared in this action on their behalf.** (Exhibit 1, ECF #__, 3/25/21 Appearance)

4. As a result, Plaintiffs Gregory Hamilton and Paulette Hamilton, as relators, are no longer pursuing this action pro se. Rather, they are pursuing this action through appeared counsel.

5. Accordingly, denial or dismissal of the motion is in order.

THEREFORE, PLAINTIFFS UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ex rel

GREGORY LYNN AND PAULETTE HAMILTON respectfully request this
Court to:

- A. Deny the motion with prejudice, or
- B. Dismiss the motion with prejudice.

Dated: April 6, 2021

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Gabrielle Frey certifies that on April 7, 2021, she served copies of Plaintiffs' Response to Defendant City of Detroit's Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(1) and this Certificate of Service via this Court's electronic filing system on all counsel of record.

/s/ Gabrielle Frey
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EXHIBIT 1

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TO ALL COUNSEL AND PARTIES OF RECORD: LEDERMANLAW,
PC appears as Counsel for Plaintiffs Gregory Lynn and Paulette Hamilton in the
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Dated: March 24, 2021

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Gabrielle Frey certifies that on March 25, 2021, she served copies of
Ledermanlaw, PC's Appearance as Counsel for Plaintiffs and this Certificate of
Service via this Court's electronic filing system on all counsel of record.

/s/ Gabrielle Frey
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